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A SELECTED READING LIST FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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KISS THE CLOWN

C.S. Adler

Joel feels like a clown because he is dyslexic, but Viki helps him to overcome his insecurities.

THE CUCKOO SISTER

Vivien Alcock

Can Rosie really be Kate's sister Emma, kidnapped years before?

CHERNOWITZ!

Fran Arrick

Bobby Chernoff, the victim of anti-Semitic abuse, is finally driven to revenge.

NICE GIRL FROM GOOD HOME

Fran Arrick

Dory's family is shaken when her father loses his job.

A TIME TO CHOOSE

Janine Boissard

Pauline Moreau searches for love and a career. (sequel to *A MATTER OF FEELING* and *A QUESTION OF HAPPINESS*)

PERMANENT CONNECTIONS

Sue Ellen Bridgers

Rob comes to appreciate the togetherness offered by family and friends.

MIDNIGHT HOUR ENCORES

Bruce Brooks

Sibilance learns to value her father as they travel across the U.S. to meet the mother she has never known.

FACE AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

Eve Bunting
Jed tries to make sense of his best friend's suicide.

SHEILA'S DYING

Alden R. Carter
Jerry's junior year is great, until his girlfriend discovers she has cancer.

RAINBOW JORDAN Alice Childress
Neglected by her young mother and placed in an "interim home," Rainbow feels the world is a hostile and uncaring place.

PEOPLE LIKE US Barbara Cohen
When Dinah begins to date a boy of a different faith, her family has serious objections.

THE CRAZY HORSE ELECTRIC GAME

Chris Crutcher

After the accident, Willie must rebuild his life on his own.

NECESSARY PARTIES Barbara Dana
Fifteen-year-old Chris goes to court to fight his parents' divorce.

I NEVER ASKED YOU
TO UNDERSTAND ME

Barthe DeClements

Faced with her own tragedy, it takes a while for Didi to notice Stacy's depression.

INDEPENDENCE DAY B.A. Ecker
Mike chooses the 4TH of July to tell his best friend Todd
that he is gay.

- REAR-VIEW MIRRORS** Paul Fleischman
On the 70-mile bike trek that had been her father's annual ritual, Olivia thinks back on the time they spent together.
- THE MOONLIGHT MAN** Paula Fox
Catherine loves her father, but realizes she may never be able to depend on him.
- LOVE IN A DIFFERENT KEY** Marjorie Franco
Neena's love for Michael is tested when he suffers a psychotic breakdown.
- ANNIE ON MY MIND** Nancy Garden
Liza looks back on her senior year, when she and Annie fell in love.
- REMEMBRANCE OF THE SUN** Kate Gilmore
Jill falls in love with Shaheen in the midst of the Iranian Revolution.
- KUMQUAT MAY,
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU** Cynthia D. Grant
Olivia's mother went out to buy margarine two years ago and has yet to return.
- OVER THE MOON** Elissa Haden Guest
Kate comes to know herself better as she journeys to visit her older sister who ran away four years before.
- JUST ONE FRIEND** Lynn Hall
Dory's desperate need for Robin's friendship has tragic consequences.
- JUNIUS OVER FAR** Virginia Hamilton
After receiving a strange message from his grandfather, Junius and his father set off for the Caribbean to rescue him.

- GOD, THE UNIVERSE
AND HOT FUDGE SUNDAES** Norma Howe
Alfie wonders what kind of God would let her sister die.
- ABBY, MY LOVE** Hadley Irwin
After years of friendship, Abby entrusts Chip with her painful secret.
- THE BENNINGTON STITCH** Sheila Solomon Klass
Amy isn't so sure she wants to attend the college of her mother's dreams.
- PAGE FOUR** Sheila Solomon Klass
David's senior year in high school changes dramatically when his father leaves the family.
- PAGEANT** Kathryn Lasky
During the early 1960S in small-town Indiana, Sarah is unique in her background and politics.
- PRANK** Kathryn Lasky
Birdie Flynn must examine her values and those of her family after her brother vandalizes a synagogue in their East Boston neighborhood.
- PICTURES OF ADAM** Myron Levoy
Lisa becomes involved with Adam's emotional problems when she does a photo essay of his run-down home.
- A SUMMER TO DIE** Lois Lowry
It is difficult for Meg to deal with her sister's death.
- THE CATALOGUE OF THE UNIVERSE** Margaret Mahy
After Angela contacts the father she has never met, her mother and loyal friend Tycho help her overcome her anger and disappointment.
- THE IMPACT ZONE** Ray Maloney
Jim runs away to Hawaii to see his father and ends up testing himself by riding the dangerous Banzai Pipeline.

AFTER THE RAIN Norma Fox Mazer
Rachel's grandfather is mean, cranky, cantankerous—and dying.

WHEN WE FIRST MET

Norma Fox Mazer

Can Jenny's and Rob's love survive, when Rob's mother is the drunk driver who killed Jenny's sister?

THE WAR BETWEEN THE CLASSES Gloria D. Miklowitz

The "color game" gives Amy and Adam new insights into class differences and themselves.

HOOPS Walter Dean Myers
Lonnie hopes he can make basketball his ticket out of Harlem.

THE OUTSIDE SHOT Walter Dean Myers
As a member of the college basketball team, Lonnie tries to stay away from the lucrative practice of point shaving.(sequel to *Hoops*)

IN SUMMER LIGHT Zibby Oneal
With Ian's help, Kate makes some discoveries about her relationship with her overbearing father.

THE LANGUAGE OF GOLDFISH Zibby Oneal
Carrie, confused and anxious about growing up, has fantasies which threaten her sanity.

PRINCESS ASHLEY Richard Peck
Chelsea feels lucky when Ashley chooses her for a friend,
but Ashley may not be as wonderful as she seems.

REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES

Richard Peck

Despite years of friendship, Buck and Kate may not have known Trav as well as they thought.

A FINE WHITE DUST Cynthia Rylant

Peter looks back on how the "Preacher Man" changed his life.

CENTER LINE Joyce Sweeney
Shawn and his brothers run away from their abusive father. Will they be able to stay together?

IZZY, WILLY-NILLY Cynthia Voigt
Izzy must re-evaluate her friendships and life after losing a leg in a car crash.

WHITE HOUSE AUTUMN Ellen Emerson White
An assassination attempt on the President's life has a devastating effect on Meg, since the President is her mother. (sequel to *The President's Daughter*)

FINDING DAVID DOLORES Margaret Willey
Regina's obsession puts a strain on her friendship with Arly.

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